



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Approve issuance of a rebate to Texcel LP LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Lamar Place located at 6309 Burns Street in Austin, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$75,810.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Energy

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

August 12, 2019 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 9-0 vote, with Commissioners Collier-Brown and Tuttle off the dais.

August 20, 2019 - Recommended by the Resource Management Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Blackburn, Chavarria and Fralin absent.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

Austin Energy requests authorization to issue a rebate to Texcel LP LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$75,810, for energy efficiency measures at Lamar Place located at 6309 Burns Street, Austin, Texas 78752, in Council District 4. The average rent for a one-bedroom unit is \$1,079 and a two-bedroom unit is \$1,341. The efficiency measures include: installation of smart thermostats and HVAC tune-ups. These additional measures will complement energy-efficiency improvements completed in May 2019. This rebate is funded by Austin Energy's Multifamily Income Qualified Program and its Multifamily Standard Program.

This property consists of four standard buildings and one income qualified building as documented in ApartmentTrends.com. The income qualified building (20 units) was purchased through the Affordable Housing Program and has a Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) for low income tenants. The rebate will cover 93.5% of the total project cost.

These improvements are in accordance with Austin Energy's Multifamily Income Qualified Rebate Program and Multifamily Standard Rebate Program guidelines and the Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure (ECAD) Ordinance. The rebate program is one element of the comprehensive Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to realize 900 MW of energy efficiency and demand response by 2025. It is designed to support energy conservation, reduce peak demand, and the need to purchase additional generation.

The avoided kilowatt-hours (kWh), estimated at 153,328 kWh per year, represent a major benefit to the local environment. This project is estimated to prevent the production of the following air emissions annually: 82 metric tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), 0.03 metric tons of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), and 0.1 metric ton of Sulfur

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Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). The project savings is equivalent to an estimated 184,315 vehicle miles traveled, the removal of 16 cars from our roadways, or the planting of 1,870 trees or 94 acres of forest in Austin's parks.